

**HUMAN RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD**  
**May 23, 2012 MINUTES**

The Human Relations Advisory Board of the City of Mesa met in a regular Human Relations Advisory Board Meeting April 25, 2012, 6:00 p.m. at the Lower Level, City Council Chambers, 57 E. First Street.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Rory Gilbert, Chair  
Denise Heap, Vice Chair  
Frank Johnson  
Hong Chartrand  
Lela Hinds-Peterson  
Orchidia Peterson  
Terri Benelli

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Ana Cadillo  
Dean Tun Lin Moe  
James May  
Wayne Manske

**STAFF PRESENT**

Lyn Buzuleciu  
Ruth Giese

**GUESTS**

Sharon Burlingame  
Deanna Cantrell  
John Meza  
Ryan Russell  
Ray Villa  
Nathan Schlitz

1. Chair's Call to Order.

Chair Rory Gilbert called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

2. Items from Citizens Present.

There were no citizens who requested to speak to the board.

3. Approval of minutes from the April 25, 2012 board meeting.

A motion was made by Ms. Heap to approve the March 28, 2012 the Human Relations Advisory Board (HRAB) minutes. Ms. Hong seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Discuss and vote on the selection of the position of Chair and Vice Chair for 2012/2013.

A motion was made by Ms. Benelli to have Ms. Gilbert and Ms. Heap remain in their respective positions as Chair and Vice Chair for FY 2012/12. Ms. Gilbert advised that she will accept but that she hopes that next year there will be new leadership and that the our other board members will be ready to take over the leadership roles next year. Ms. Hong seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Report on recently attended and upcoming conferences and / or meetings.

Ms. Gilbert reported that she was proud of the Bullying event and the Regional event, both of which were hosted by HRAB. Ms. Heap reported on a "Bullied to Silence" event that should be considered to be presented in Mesa in the future. Ms. Orchidia Peterson enjoyed the Regional HRC meeting and she learned a lot. Ms. Gilbert thanked Ruth Giese and Lyn Buzuleciu for all their help with the regional meeting. Ms. Benelli said that the Regional meeting provided an opportunity to hear what all the cities were doing with regard to Human Relations.

6. Discuss, and approve cancellation of June and July board meetings.

A motion was made by Ms. Orchidia Peterson to cancel meetings in June and July. Ms. Heap seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

7. Scheduling of meetings, future agenda items, and general information.

No sub committees will be meeting over the summer. Ms. Giese reported that new members will officially begin in July; their first board meeting will be in August. Ms. Heap suggested that HRAB hold its retreat in August. Ms. Heap also suggested training for HRAB about how to conduct a board meeting.

8. Recognition of Outgoing Members and Supporters.

Ms. Gilbert recognized Ms. Benelli for her 7 years of service on HRAB. Ms. Heap thanked Ms. Benelli for accepting her on the board and making her feel welcomed. Ms. Benelli said the goal is to make everyone feel welcomed. Ms. Heap thanked Chief Frank Milstead next for being an asset to the community, including continuing the advisory forums and encouraging the Mesa PD to march in Pride Parade in uniform. Ms. Heap thanked Assistant Chief John Meza for always been a friend of the board. Ms. Heap then thanked Commander Deanna Cantrell for her work on the PD Diversity Team. LT. Sharon Burlingame was also recognized for her work in diversity and with the police forums. Ray Villa was acknowledged for his work as liaison for the police department.

Ms. Heap thanked President Ryan Russell for the Mesa Police Association's ongoing support of HRAB events. Ms. Heap recognized Detective Nathan Schlitz (Rt.) for his work with PTSI and providing the HRAB with his own personal insight on dealing with this illness. Ms. Heap also recognized Stacy Dillon, who was not present, but had assisted with event sponsorship. Also acknowledged were Mesa Police Association, Mesa Police Diversity Team, the Mesa Human Rights Forum and other police forums for serving the community and making a difference.

A motion was made by Ms. Heap to officially thank and honor those that we have thanked. Ms. Orchidia Peterson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

9. Adjourn.

Ms. Gilbert thanked everyone and adjourned the meeting.

Submitted By:

Ruth Giese,  
Diversity Program Administrator